sustained by the land owner by way of loss of standing crops, trees, severance of land, etc. and not on the basis of the local registry alone. Land is acquired from the owner after following due procedure prescribed under law. Opportunity is given to the affected land owner to raise objection, if any, before the Competent Authority.

Conversion of road into National Highways in Tenth Plan

1673. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many important roads have been proposed to be transformed into the National Highways during the Tenth Five Year Plan period;

(b) the name and length of each such roads;

(c) what criteria have been adopted to propose such transformation; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to transform any roads of Assam into NH in Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) to (d) All proposals for conversion of State Highways into National Highways including those of Assam have been returned to the respective State Governments. Presently there is a ban on declaration of new National Highwas due to fund constraints. The Government may, however, consider conversion of very limited lengths of a few State Highways into National Highways during the course of the 10th Five Year Plan, keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.

Coastal Highways in Gujarat

1674. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the length of National Highways, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether the State Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal to declare a coastal highway of 765 kms. as a National Highway;

(c) whether it is a fact that Gujarat is much behind in getting its due share of National Highways; and

(d) whether Government propose to construct and declare National Highway keeping in view the strategic defece importance of the Kutch and Coastal areas of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Details are given in the Statement (See below).

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no State-wise yardstick to declare the length of National Highways.

(d) All the proposals for conversion of State roads into National Highways have been returned to the respective State Governments including those of Gujarat. Presently there is a ban on declaration of new National Highways due to fund constraints. The Government may, however, consider conversion of very limited lengths of a few State Highways into National Highways during the course of the 10th Five Year Plan, keeping in view the traffic needs, *inter-se* priority and availability of funds, after the ban is lifted.

Statement

State-wise Length of National Highways in the Country

SI.No.	Name of State	Total Length (in Kms.)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4002
2	Arunachal Pradesh	392
3.	Assam	2836

1	2	3
4.	Bihar	3312
5.	Chandigarh	24
6.	Chhattisgarh	1810
7.	Delhi	72
8.	Goa	269
9.	Gujarat	2461
10.	Haryana	1357
11.	Himachal Pradesh	1188
12.	Jammu & Kashmir	823
13.	Jharkhand	1603
14.	Karnataka	3570
15.	Kerala	1440
16.	Madhya Pradesh	4664
17.	Maharashtra	3626
18.	Manipur	954
19.	Meghalaya	717
20.	Mizoram	927
21.	Nagaland	369
22.	Orissa	3301
23.	Pondicherry	53
24.	Punjab	1557
25.	Rajasthan	4597
26.	Sikkim	62
27.	Tamil Nadu	3758
28.	Tripura	400
29.	Uttaranchal	1075
30.	Uttar Pradesh	4942
31.	West Bengal	1951